

FREES FARMER OF COST BLAME

Statistics Prove Man With Hoe Is Getting Small Profits.

GOUGERS GET BALANCE

Speculators and Brokers Add Ten Per Cent and Better.

American farmers are receiving an average return of less than 4 per cent on their capital despite the highest food prices in history, according to evidence obtained yesterday in several government departments here.

The evidence, which is available to Attorney General Palmer in his campaign to suppress price gougers, indicates brokers and speculators who buy farm products add profits of 10 per cent and often better before they release the food to the American table.

Iowa Profits But 3 Per Cent.
Only exceptional farmers are able to make a return of more than 3 per cent in Iowa, according to a survey by the Agriculture Department.

"And there is no reason to suppose that farmers in other States make a greater return," said Director H. C. Taylor, of the Bureau of Farm Management, yesterday.

Each Adds His Profit.
Speculators increased the price of potatoes 14 per cent in the month ending April 15, reports show. It worked out like this: Farmers got an increase of 20 per cent for potatoes, according to average prices collected by Statistician Murray of the Agriculture Department. But before the potatoes got to the table of the consumer the price had been increased 34 per cent, according to reports collected by the Labor Department.

Exports Fall Off.
Continued decline in exports will give impetus to the downward trend of prices throughout the country, officials of the Commerce Department declared yesterday. That exports fell off more than \$125,000,000 during April is a factor in the present widespread slashing of prices, officials stated. The falling off is due to foreign countries being unable to pay for goods, and therefore goods that were intended for shipment were thrown on the American market.

GRIFFIN WOULD RAISE POSTAL PAY AT ONCE

Fiat increase of 25 per cent to the salaries of all postal employees, beginning July 1, 1920, is provided in a joint resolution introduced in the House by Representative Anthony J. Griffin, of New York.

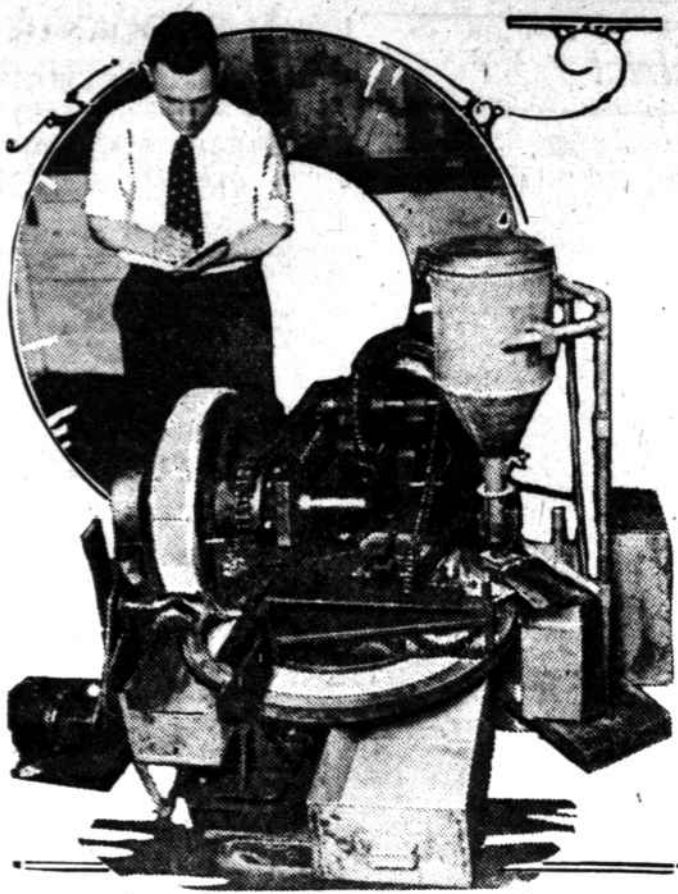
The rise is designed to grant immediate relief to the employees pending the report of the Joint Congressional Postal Salary Reclassification Commission and the passage of permanent legislation based on that report, Mr. Griffin said.

Long Hauls to Markets Handicap Truck Farmer

Small truck farmers in the vicinity of Washington are working under handicaps which require extremely efficient management to show a profit, according to a survey made by the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture.

The principal handicap is high land values. Crops consist mainly of vegetables and fruits. The average haul to market was found to be nine miles and the average number of trips about seventy-five a year. Crops from the larger plots are sold either direct to the wholesaler or to a commission man who charges the farmer 10 per cent on the gross sale.

MECHANICAL SLEUTH GUM-SHOEING TO DISCOVER FLAWS IN FOOTWEAR



An endless attempt to "kid" the forces of nature seems to be the special delight of various departments of Uncle Sam. Here is a machine which artificially forms a long path over which tramp pieces of shoe leather in an endeavor to test the quality of goods shoe manufacturers are putting into present-day footwear.

SERVING LIFE, BUT MAY HANG BEFORE HOUSE

Clarence and Grace Cothron Face Murder Charge at Rockville Monday.

(Special to Washington Herald.)
Rockville, Md., May 22.—At the request of State's Attorney Thomas L. Dawson, Judge Edward C. Peter, in the circuit court here, has issued writs of habeas corpus directing the warden of the Maryland penitentiary to produce in court here at 9:30 o'clock next Monday morning Clarence Cothron and his wife, Grace Cothron, whose trial on an indictment charging them with the murder of Homer Jones, colored chauffeur, in Cecil County, last year, and Mrs. Cothron is serving a term of four years for abducting a 9-year-old girl entrusted to her by the child's parents.

The Cothrons and William Eugene Landers, who has not been apprehended, are jointly charged with the murder of Jones. It is claimed that they hired Jones to drive them in his automobile from Baltimore to this county and, under a pretext of preparing lunch, induced him to enter a lonely woods near Burtonsville and there shot him to death. He died after taking the dead man's machine and making their escape. Jones' body was not discovered until a week later. It is said that Weedon was killed under similar circumstances.

LAND FOR VETERANS OPPOSED BY FARMERS

Farmer organizations are opposed to the land settlement provision of the soldier bonus bill and need only to be warned to bring about the same unanimous opposition to it as combated the Mondell bill. A. M. Loomis, secretary of the Washington office of the National Grange, said yesterday in a letter to Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee.

"No material difference was found between the present bill and the Mondell bill," Loomis said. He added that the farmer organizations do not object to governmental aid for the former soldier but that they do object to a blanket raid on the United States Treasury for the vast expenditure of money on all sorts of good, bad and indifferent reclamation projects under the guise of "doing something for the soldier."

IRISH QUESTION LEFT TO G. O. P.

Secretary Colby Sees No Diplomatic Objections to Mason Bill.

VOTE IS POSTPONED

Committee Adjourns Until Thursday Advocates Urge Passage.

The Administration put squarely up to the Republican majority in Congress the question of acting on the Mason resolutions looking to recognition of the Irish republic. Secretary of State Colby, in a letter to Chairman Porter of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared there were no diplomatic reasons why the committee should not take "any action which is dictated by good judgment and which it may feel conscientiously impelled to take."

Replied to Chairman's Request.
The Secretary's letter was written in reply to a request from Chairman Porter for the State Department's advice as to what the committee should do. Mr. Colby was asked, if possible, to appear personally before the committee in executive session yesterday. Important business prevented him from accepting this invitation.

Mr. Porter at first declined to read the Secretary's communication to the committee, according to Representative Flood, of Virginia, ranking Democratic member, but finally read it upon the insistence of the supporters of the resolution.

Adjournment Is Postponed.
A majority of the Republicans on the committee, however, favored adjournment without action until next Thursday, although Mr. Flood and other advocates of the legislation insisted that they remain in session until the resolutions were disposed of, favorably or unfavorably.

In a statement commenting on the developments, Daniel T. O'Connell, on behalf of the Friends of Irish Freedom, declared that Secretary Colby's letter disposes of the excuse that the administration is opposed to legislation favorable to Ireland and leaves to Congress a free rein for such action as may be voted.

Senators Delay Action On Excess Profits Bill

The Senate Finance Committee yesterday postponed action on the Harris resolution to publish excess profits of large corporations. Representatives of the Treasury Department informed the committee that it would cost \$500,000, and require about four months to compile the figures called for by the resolution. The committee decided to await further information from the Treasury Department before taking action.

Sailor Sues Uncle Sam; Bucket Fell on His Foot

Mobile, Ala., May 22.—A libel suit for \$5,000 said to be the first in the United States for personal injuries has been filed by Morris Morgan, sailor on the Shipping Board steamer Lake Arthur, against the United States government.

Morgan says that on March 9, a bucket from a coal conveyor on the ship fell, resulting in injuries which necessitated amputation of one toe and removal of a large piece of bone from his foot.

The Weather

Forecast.
District of Columbia and Maryland—Partly cloudy, moderately warm today; showers at night or tomorrow; gentle to moderate east and southeast winds.
Virginia—Partly cloudy today; tomorrow showers; moderate northeast and east winds.

Local Temperatures.
Midnight 65 12 noon 75
2 a.m. 64 2 p.m. 77
4 a.m. 62 4 p.m. 78
6 a.m. 59 6 p.m. 78
8 a.m. 66 8 p.m. 69
10 a.m. 74
Highest, 79; lowest, 59.
Relative humidity—8 a.m., 62; 2 p.m., 39;
8 p.m., 44.
Rainfall (8 p.m. to 8 p.m.), 0.
Hours of sunshine, 13.5.
Per cent of possible sunshine, 90.

Departures from Normal.
Accumulated deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1920, 183.
Deficiency of temperature since May 1, 1920, 53.
Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1920, 2.03.
Deficiency of precipitation since May 1, 1920, 0.92.
Temperature same date last year—Highest, 79; lowest, 56.

Other Temperatures.
Highest today, lowest tonight, 8 p.m. fall.
Asheville, N. C., 80 54 70
Atlanta, Ga., 80 54 70
Atlantic City, N. J., 76 56 69
Baltimore, Md., 80 62 74
Bismarck, S. Dak., 64 50 62 0.03
Boston, Mass., 52 50 48 3.66
Buffalo, N. Y., 64 46 60
Chicago, Ill., 74 50 60
Cincinnati, Ohio, 80 52 74
Cheyenne, Wyo., 58 54 50
Cleveland, Ohio, 70 54 60
Dayton, Ohio, 70 54 60
Denver, Colo., 72 54 52 0.06
Des Moines, Iowa, 66 52 62 0.16
Detroit, Mich., 74 52 62
Duluth, Minn., 66 48 64 1.76
El Paso, Tex., 86 69 84
Galveston, Tex., 82 74 88
Helena, Mont., 66 34 62
Indianapolis, Ind., 78 62 72
Jacksonville, Fla., 84 68 78
Kansas City, Mo., 80 74 82
Little Rock, Ark., 90 70 86
Los Angeles, Cal., 70 58 76
Louisville, Ky., 80 62 84
Marquette, Mich., 74 46 68
Memphis, Tenn., 80 62 84
Miami, Fla., 80 72 84
Mobile, Ala., 92 70 82
New Orleans, La., 86 70 84
New York, N. Y., 78 58 68
North Platte, Neb., 64 42 62
Omaha, Neb., 84 70 90 0.12
Philadelphia, Pa., 80 62 84
Phoenix, Ariz., 90 62 90
Pittsburg, Pa., 76 50 70
Portland, Me., 66 46 64 1.88
Portland, Ore., 69 42 64
St. Louis, Mo., 70 52 66 0.84
St. Paul, Minn., 88 66 82
San Antonio, Tex., 86 66 82
San Francisco, Cal., 64 48 58
Springfield, Ill., 84 60 84
Tampa, Fla., 86 67 78
Toledo, Ohio, 80 54 68
Vicksburg, Miss., 88 72 84

VOTELESS FOLK VOTE; JOHNSON IS TRAILING

Voteless inhabitants of the District cast 566 votes Friday and yesterday for their Presidential preferences. The ballots were deposited in the voting machine of the National Press Committee for D. C. Suffrage Bank.

When Col. Winfield Jones, chairman, counted the votes last night it was found that Senator Harding had taken the lead of the Republican candidates, with nearly three times as many votes as Gov. Lowden, and many times more than Gen. Wood. Hoover was advanced to fourth place, with Hiram Johnson trailing.

Of the Democratic ballots McAdoo took the lead with 21 more votes than Gov. Edwards. Col. Jones announced that the voting machine will be placed tomorrow morning in the lobby of the Munsey Trust Company and remain there all week.

The result shown yesterday was: Republicans—Harding, 162; Lowden, 53; Wood, 16; Hoover, 15; Johnson, 13; Butler, 1; Poindexter, 1; Coolidge, 1. Democrats—McAdoo, 123; Edwards, 102; Newberry, 25; Cox, 17; Bryan, 15; President Wilson, 5; Pomeroy, 1; Owen, 1; Gerard, 1.

Newberry Seeks Delay In Probe by Senate

Attorneys for Senator Newberry yesterday asked the Senate privileges and elections committee to delay the investigation of the Ford-Newberry Michigan Senatorial election contest until the Supreme Court passes on the Grand Rapids trial at which Senator Newberry was found guilty.

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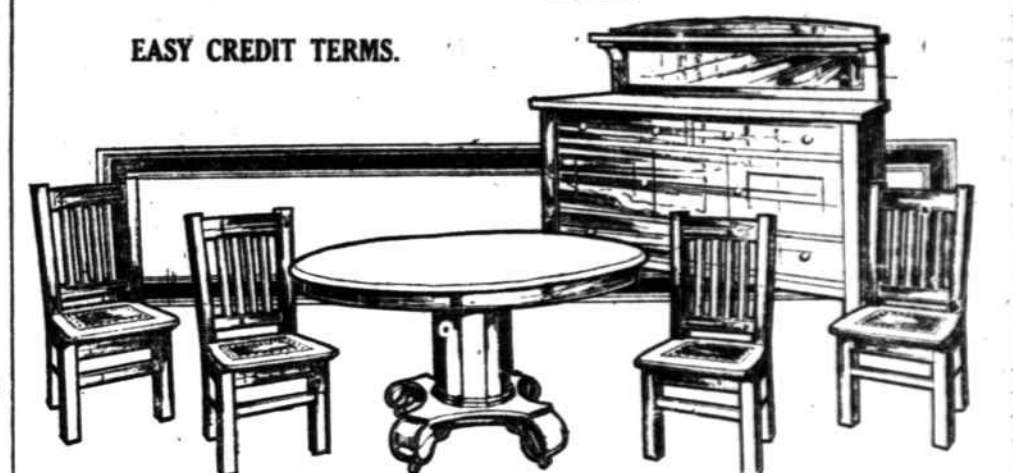
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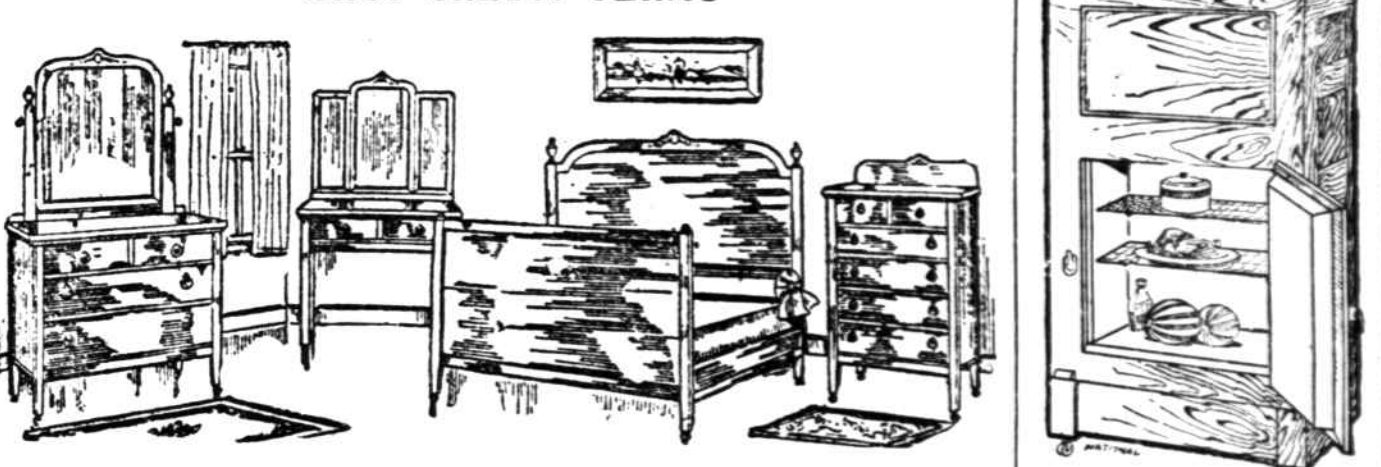
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